

Our exports support millions of American jobs. It's critical in the shortterm, but it's also critical for our long-term prosperity.

Ninety-five percent of the world's customers and the world's fastestgrowing markets are outside of our borders. We need to compete for them because other nations are competing for them.

During the financial crisis, as trade finance dried up, the Export-Import Bank lived up to its mission and stepped up to fill the void. And under the National Export Initiative, we'll continue to increase the amount of trade financing Ex-Im offers. ***

President Barack Obama

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